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In re Appln. of: Toru Kohda

Appln. No.: 10/551,629

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For: PIPE JOINT AND SOCKET FOR PIPE JOINT

Examiner: Ripley, Jay R

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (1 pg); Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 27, 2007 (1 pg); and Supplemental Response to Non-Final Office Action Dated June 1, 2007 (11 pgs).
- ☐ Return Receipt Postcard.

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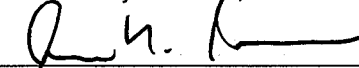
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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Respectfully submitted,


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